for 30.6.2003 to discuss inter alia, the procedural matters relating to Check-off System to determine the representative strength of Unions/ Associations in the public sector general insurance companies. The meeting could not materialize due to office exigencies.

(b) Does not arise.

Call for Strike by All India Bank Employees' Association

1682. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Bank Employees' Association has declared their intention to go on indefinite strike from July this year against bulging non-performing assets of bank and the move for privatisation of banks;

(b) if so, the extent of accumulated non-performing assets of nationalised banks as on 1st July, 2003, bank-wise; and

(c) the details of the other demands of Bank employees and the steps taken to avert the strike?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) The Indian Banks' Association has reported that they have not received any notice for strike.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Investments by Japan

1683. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:
DR. T SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is ready to do business with the Japanese;

(b) if so, whether for the last decade, Japan has not been able to make much investments in India;

(c) whether Prime Minister's recent visit to Japan has helped in improving the situation and more investments are coming from Japan to India;